

**Amendments to the Specification:**

1. Please insert the following headings and text at the next line following the title on page 1:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 from PCT Application No. PCT/EP03/00519 filed January 17, 2003, which claims the priority benefit of Italian Application No. MI2002A000189 filed February 1, 2002.

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

2. Please insert the following heading at the next line, following line 4, page 1:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

3. Please insert the following heading at the next line, following line 22, page 1:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

4. Please insert the following headings and text at the next line, following line 7, page 2:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Figure 1 shows a trichogram of the anagenic phase at times  $T_0$ ,  $T_1$ , and  $T_2$ , for the individuals of the three groups.

Figure 2 shows a trichogram of the telogenic phase at times  $T_0$ ,  $T_1$ , and  $T_2$ , for the individuals of the three groups.

Figure 3 is a graphic representation of the results of the wash test.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

5. Please add the following heading and text, on a separate page, following the claims, which end at page 14. A clean copy of a new page 15, containing only the Abstract, is provided herewith.

#### ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The use of the polyamine known as spermidine, i.e., N-(3-aminopropyl) tetraminethylenediamine, as an active principle in the preparation of a composition for pharmaceutical or dietetic use in man for combating hair loss is disclosed.